



## CHEATING THE GOVERNMENT

LEADING IMPORTERS OF THIS AND OTHER CITIES INVOLVED.

Undervaluation of Wool, Silks, Velvets, and Other Articles According to Many Thousands of Dollars--Surprising Reports from Various Consuls and Agents.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—The discovery of extensive frauds upon the revenue by undervaluations and other practices will undoubtedly lead to new legislation, as well as prosecutions and civil suits against some of the leading importers of New York, Boston, and Philadelphia. The resolution introduced, yesterday by Mr. Converse calls for all the information which the Secretary of the Treasury has respecting these frauds so far as they relate to the imports of wool and woollen yarns, but the information of the Secretary shows that the frauds are by no means confined to the importation of wool. In the matter of silk, the United States Consul at Horgen, Switzerland, reports that on 39 invoices of silk shipped from that place to New York, between Sept. 1 and Nov. 1, 1883, the advances made by the appraisers amounted to nearly \$8,000. These silks were shipped to the following New York firms: Luckemeyer & Scheler, Stader & Streuli, Fleitmann & Co., Victor & Ansel, C. A. Aufmordt & Co., Iselin, Nesser & Co., Oberndorfer, Almond, Daeniker, H. Oberndorfer's Sons, Werner, Hescher & Co., and Ed. Walther & Co.

The Consul at Basle, who had already made reports of undervaluations in certain dyes, states that the aggregate undervaluations of these colored dyes will reach an enormous figure. In some cases the difference between the prices sent letters of regret. Mr. Tilden sent a telegram. The letters for the most part were eulogies of Jackson's memory, and made no reference to current political affairs. It was expected that there would be some foreshadowing of party opinion on the issue of protection.

The Consul at Zurich reports that his expert found almost constantly undervaluations of silks. Twenty-five invoices examined were undervalued from 40 to 1,000 francs each, the calculation being based on cost alone, and not packing and insurance. The expert was threatened, and bribery was attempted to keep him quiet.

The Consul at Basle reports great undervaluations of velvets and short-shirtings. One of the most successful tricks of dishonest importers, it is the invoicing of a small quantity of correctly valued goods in a large shipment of undervalued ones. He reports fifteen invoices of ribbons shipped to C. A. Aufmordt & Co. of New York, amounting to \$26,000, which were undervalued, being invoiced at 65 cents per line, and the market value being not less than 90. This same Consul also reports that velvets manufactured at Crifeld, in Germany, are shipped in large quantities to the United States grossly undervalued by systematic frauds.

Each of the principal velvet manufacturers there has a consignment in the United States, to whom the independent purchasers from this country are referred, and told that they can purchase their goods in dollars and cents, payable in New York or Boston. In this way the goods are imported into those two cities at values unknown to the actual purchasers. The result has been that these manufacturers have been able to import for years immense quantities without paying the custom house and the market value.

The Consul at Liverpool reports that Corrard's expert was being shipped to Boston to examine the goods. The Consul at London says that a duty of three cents above its valuation.

Is there any danger to anybody on earth in putting the government of this State and nation into the hands of the Democratic party? True, the least.

## STAR ROUTE TRIAL EXPENSES.

The Sums that were Paid to the Special Attorneys and Detectives.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—In response to the Senate's resolution calling for information about the expenses of the Department of Justice since March 4, 1881, for special and assistant attorneys and detectives, Secretary Folger sent to the Senate today a transcript covering several hundred pages of expense. Following is the account for special attorneys, attorneys and other services in the cases of Liley and Rose:

Mr. Folger took the following information to the Senate, and it was referred to the Committee on Appropriations:

"There were reasons why Mr. Delmonico would naturally wander from Newark into that part of New Jersey where he had been for many years with the last five years on a fair vote. But it has been reported that he was a man of very poor condition of health, from the very position and condition of labor, must have an independent and intelligent mind, and a strong desire to better himself. He had little sympathy. He thought General Butler deserved the thanks of the Democracy, and that this year Butler would carry Massachusetts."

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